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IN THAILAND

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1. SUMMARY: IN COINCIDENTAL IRONY, 255 BOAT CASE
REFUGEES DEPARTED THAILAND FOR THE U.S. DURING
NOVEMBER, WHILE THE RTG FORCED ANOTHER 255 BACK OUT
TO SEA. THE RTG UNOFFICIALLY PERMITTED A FURTHER
306 TO LAND. INS OFFICERS APPROVED 791 BOAT CASE AND 34
INLAND CAMP REFUGEES DURING THE MONTH. IN ANTICIPATION
OF THE EARLY REINSTITUTION OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY,
INS APPROVED 378. OTHER REFUGEES FOR THE CE PROGRAM.
VOLUNTARY AGENCY PRE-SCREENING HAD COVERED ABOUT
70 PER CENT OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION OF THE INLAND
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CAMPS BY THE END OF NOVEMBER. CURRENT PROJECTIONS
ARE THAT THERE WILL BE ABOUT 32,000 POTENTIALLY
QUALIFIED REFUGEES, OVER 9,000 OF WHOM FALL UNDER
CATEGORIES I AND II, IN COMPETITION FOR THE 8,000
INLAND CAMP NUMBERS. THE INLAND CAMP PRE-SCREENING
IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION DECEMBER 17. WITH 1185
OUTSTANDING SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS, AND 378 REFUGEES

ALREADY APPROVED UNDER CE, THE TWO GREATEST NEEDS
ARE FOR AN ACCELERATION OF SPONSORSHIPS, AND
RAPID REINSTITUTION OF CE. END SUMMARY:

2. THERE WERE 281 DEPARTURES FROM THAILAND FOR
THE U.S. DURING NOVEMBER UNDER IPP-77, 255 OF
THEM HAVING BEEN BOAT GCASE REFUGEES. DEPARTURES
UNDER IPP-77 BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER TOTAL
612, OF WHOM 578 WERE BOAT CASE REFUGEES. THERE
WERE 306 BOAT CASE REFUGEE ARRIVALS IN THAILAND
DURING NOVEMBER AND THE RTG TURNED ANOTHER 255 AWAY.
INCLUDED IN THE 306 ARE AT LEAST 34 WHO WERE
PERMITTED ASHORE ONLY AFTER THEY HAD SCUTTLED
THEIR VESSELS, AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR TECHNIQUE.

3. INS OFFICERS APPROVED 791 BOAT CASE REFUGEES AT
LAEM SING, KLONG YAI, KAMPUT, SONGKHLA AND
PATTANI, AND 34 INLAND CAMP REFUGEES, ALL AT SIKHIU.
ADDITIONALLY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE REINSTITUTION OF
THE CE PROGRAM, INS HAS APPROVED 378 OTHER BOAT
CASE REFUGEES AT LAEM SING SONKHLA. MARRIED
SIBLINGS, INELIGIBLE UNDER IPP-77, MAKE UP A SUB-
STANTIAL PORTION OF THIS TOTAL.

4. PRE-SCREENING OF THE INLAND CAMPTS, WHICH IS SCHEDULED
TO END DECEMBER 17, HAS COVERED ABOUT 70 PER CENT
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OF THE INLAND CAMP POPULATION. EXTRAPOLATIONS BASED
ON CURRENT RAW DATA INDICATE THAT THERE WILL BE
ABOUT 32,000 POTENTIALLY QUALIFIED REFUGEES. THE
EXTRAPOLATED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL QUALIFIERS IN
CATEGORIES I AND II IS OVER 9,000. THE PRE-SCREENERS
HAVE ALSO INTERVIEWED ABOUT 4,000 NON QUALIFIED MARRIED
SIBLINGS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

5. WE HAVE SENT REQUESTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF 2030
REFUGEES TO ACVA, AND HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES FOR
845. THUS 1185 INS-APPROVED REFUGEES ARE AWAITING
SPONSORSHIPS. WE EXPECT DECEMBER DEPARTURES TO REACH
ONLY ABOUT 250, ALTHOUGH ICEM HAS THE CAPABILITY TO
MOVE MANY MORE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT WE WILL RECEIVE
SUFFICIENT ASSURANCES DURING DECEMBER SO THAT THE
TRANSPORTATION PHASE OF THE IPP-77 BOAT PROGRAM CAN
BE COMPLETED BY MID-FEBRUARY.

6. DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUESTED:

A. ACCELERATION OF VOLUNTARY AGENCY SPONSORSHIPS
FOR REFUGEES THAT INS HAS ALREADY APPROVED. THE

CURRENT BACKLONG IS 1185.

B. EARLY REINSTITUTION OF THE CE PROGRAM.

INS HAS ALREADY APPROVED 378 BOAT CASE REFUGEES
IN THAILAND FOR CE.

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